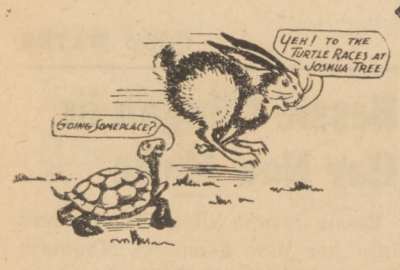

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Dedication of D.A.V. Aux. Club Room in 29 Palms

Commander Mills to Officiate Forget - Me - Not Day, April 26

A busy and ambitious program has been outlined by Disabled American Veterans' Auxiliary, Chapter 60, Viola Carson, commander.

Foremost on the agenda is the visit of National 1st Vice Commander Henrietta Mills and For-Get-Me-Not Day, on April 25 and 26. The National Commander will dedicate the new Clubroom given to the Auxiliary by the D.A.V. Chapter on Friday evening. She will then be first in Twentynine Palms to wear a Forget-me-not, Saturday morning, and to "Give a little for those who gave a lot." The Chapter was organized by Commander Mills and it will be as a homecoming to her and the membership.

First to sign the register with the Twentynine Palms Chamber of Commerce, for a booth on Pioneer Day was the D.A.V. Auxiliary, according to Marjorie Hale, secretary. The Auxiliary will conduct the bingo games as an amusement attraction, May 4.

Comrade Marie Morgan will head the Forget-Me Not drive April 26, for the Auxiliary. President Truman has endorsed the annual Forget-me-not campaign of the Disabled American Veterans. "This is a welcome opportunity," President Truman said, "to extend in a small measure our gratitude to those who became disabled in defending our nation."

California's own Lloyd F. Oleson, National D.A.V. Commander urges an "all out program" for Forget-me-not Day.

The Morongo Valley School District drive is sponsored by D.A.V. Chapters 60 and 87. Lloyd Greenman and F. E. Lewis, Commanders respectively.

New Service Station at Yucca Valley

A. D. Goodwin and F. E. (Frenchy) Lewis, doing business as the Yucca Valley Oil Company are building a service station at Yucca Valley, on the highway at Fox Trail.

They are to handle the products of the Wilshire Oil Company, and the station they are building will be complete with grease racks and everything for complete service.

They expect to have the station completed about May 1st at which time they will have their official opening. In the meantime they are giving pump service.

Mr. Goodwin is one of the old timers of Yucca Valley, living in the Juniper Heights section. Frenchy Lewis is Goodwin's son-in-law and Secretary-Treasurer of the new Tri-Valley Lions Club.

P.T.A. Executive Board Meets

The executive board of the Joshua Tree PTA met at the Community Hall Friday, April 11.

Plans were discussed for the PTA booth at the Annual Turtle Races, Sunday, May 4th.

OUR SCHOOL PROBLEM

The school problem in Joshua Tree is acute. The case is aggravated by the attitude of the present school board. About the only definite answer we ever get is "CAN'T." Perhaps that is to be expected when all but one of the present members have all their interests in Twentynine Palms. We appreciate they have problems too, but just the same Joshua Tree and the Morongo Basin property owners pay taxes and vote bond issues and are entitled to a fair share.

If this school district cannot produce enough money to provide proper schools and if the county cannot supply the necessary funds then it is up to the State to see that we get the school facilities the new growing communities like Joshua Tree need. It is our studied opinion that the local school board could effectively initiate such a move if they so desired.

There is a vacancy on the board to be filled at the school election May 16 and it would seem highly desirable that the people of this valley fill that vacancy with someone whose interest is here. It might balance things up a bit.

Mrs. Lafferty Files For School Election

Mrs. Vesta Lafferty will be a candidate for the vacancy on the Morongo School district board at the coming school election Friday, May 16. The papers were filed in San Bernardino last week.

Mrs. Lafferty is well known throughout the district, being the wife of Sam Lafferty, senior member of Lafferty Brothers, grading contractors. She has taken an active part in school affairs, P.T.A., Women's Club, and Chamber of Commerce, and is perhaps as well versed in the State school codes as anyone living in the district.

Ted Crane Goes Contracting

Ted Crane, who needs no introduction to Joshua Tree people has launched out in the general contracting and building business.

Ted, while working with his father, Milo T. Crane, on their own project, earned an enviable reputation for good construction practices, and he says he will bend every effort to maintain that good record in the work he does for

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Ince Memorial Hospital

SACRAMENTO, April 14 (WNS) —Articles of incorporation for the Thomas H. Ince Memorial Hospital, of San Bernardino County, were on file with Secretary of State Frank M. Jordan here today.

The concern is capitalized at $100,000. Directors are William T. Ince and Sally O. Ince, of Twentynine Palms, and Elinor K. Ince, of South Pasadena.

You can smile when the race is over but you will laugh a plenty while it is running.

Larry Gray and Judy LaFerney Shannon are smiling because their turtle has just won the Booby Race.

Sun Valley Turkey Project Gets First Poults

Fire Protection, School Problems and Turtle Race Program Discussed

Last January the directors of the Chamber of Commerce appointed a committee to look into the possibilities of raising turkeys in this valley as an industry. Friday night at the regular monthly meeting, the chairman of that committee, Col. McMillen, now president of the chamber, reported that the industry was well on its way with the arrival last week of 750 broad-brested bronze poults from the co-operative hatchery at Riverside. He said Bob Kroes, the real father of the industry, had the larger part of the brood at his place in Sun Valley and the balance were being brooded at the Model Farm which the Bunker Land Company is developing.

Frank Cook, general manager of the annual Turtle Race program reported that satisfactory progress was being made and that the program would soon be complete and ready to announce. The turtle corral is up and ready, owners are registering in their hard-shelled speed demons. While all the purses have not as yet been completed, it is practically certain the added money for the classic event of the day will amount to $50.

President McMillen said the committee on fire protection was still working on the matter, but pointed out the fact that the most that could be expected of the Chamber of Commerce was to make recommendations but the actual cost of installation would have to come out of the pockets

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Joshua Tree Loses Softball Opener

The Joshua Tree Cubs lost the first game of the softball league to Kenney's Drug Store, 15 to 7.

Don't let that score fool you tho, for the Cubs were in there playing every minute and for four innings had all the best of it. In the fifth the 29 Palms team cut loose with a series of well placed hits and aided by a few errors scored 10 runs. Johnson for the Cubs, got the only home run of the game.

The Piper Cub from "K" Field was late in arriving for the opening ceremony and the game was interrupted in the third inning, while the autographed softball and $10 bill was parachuted to earth. Competition for recovery of the prize was limited to youngsters under 14. Kenny Wagner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wagner, got the ball and money.

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102 Persons Visit X-Ray Truck

While the big X-Ray truck of the County Tuberculosis Health Association was here Thursday 102 persons availed themselves of the opportunity to get a free X-ray examination, so reported Elmer C. Alspaugh, director in charge of the work.

In talking with the JOURNAL Alspaugh pointed out that this work is financed and made possible, solely through the sale of the familiar Christmas Seals.

Only those persons whose film shows a need for attention will receive a report, so if you do not get a report from the association you will know you are alright. Reports should be out in about three weeks, Alspaugh said.

The annual meeting of the board of directors of the San Bernardino County Tuberculosis & Health Association will be held Tuesday evening, April 22nd, stated Dr. J. J. H. Smith, president of the association. The meeting, to which the general public is invited, is to be held at the San Bernardino YWCA starting with dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Choosing as his subject "Rheumatic Fever, a Public Health Problem" Dr. George C. Griffith, one of the outstanding heart specialists of the west, will be the principal speaker. The county association, in broadening its field of health activities, has recently formed a heart committee for the purpose of studying heart abnormalities as frequently shown in chest X-ray films taken in its tuberculosis case-finding program. "The relation of rheumatic fever to diseases of the heart provides considerable study, said Dr. Smith, and our speaker will bring us much interesting and useful information on this subject."

A program of music furnished by Mr. W. H. Schowalter and the Redlands High School students will follow the dinner. The meeting will be concluded with the election of officers and directors for the coming year.

Reservations can be made by communicating with the office of the Tuberculosis Association, 368 Court Street, San Bernardino, telephone 273-95.

That Altadena Gang Again

Harold W. Hart and his gang from Altadena moved into town about 5:30 Friday and stayed until Sunday afternoon.

Whether by design or just accidental, Merrel Mitchell had a birthday and they threw a party for him Saturday night at the Desert Cafe. Sunday the Desert Cafe was unusually crowded and then it was discovered why. That Altadena bunch had been going around town telling everybody how nice the Hanna's had treated them at the party, and what good food they served. Maybe their story about the musical cake tray had something to do with it. Anyway the cake was placed on a turntable affair that kept playing Happy Birthday.

Sunday morning this gang scoured our desert for turtles and Henry Beaver found one he says is a real live wire and he promptly named him "Eager Beaver" and entered him in our turtle races.

Members of the party were, Mr. and Mrs. Harold W. Hart, Mr. and Mrs. George Cotham, Mr. and Mrs. Merrel Mitchell, Mrs. Eda Greenlee and Henry Beaver.

Incidentally we would advise people from the small towns like Altadena to secure a map of our CITY so they can find their way around. We understand Mrs. Greenlee got lost in our metropolis twice during her stay here.

Veterans Property Tax Exemptions

SACRAMENTO, April 14 (WNS) —A measure which would require veterans claiming property tax exemptions to file before the first Monday in June had received today the favorable recommendation of the Assembly Committee on Revenue and Taxation.

The bill, AB 450 by Assemblyman Randal F. Dickey of Alameda, changes the present law which permits veterans to file for property tax exemptions up to the last Monday in June. Dickey said the bill would facilitate the work of the county and city assessors.

GUESTS AND DINNER PARTY

The weekend was just one continual round of pleasure at the Glady's Teeter home.

Starting off Saturday evening with a dinner party at which John Benell, developer of the Joshua Tree Forest estates was the guest of honor along with Mrs. Lois Brown and Helen Williams Fram, from Los Angeles.

Later Saturday evening a house party developed at which there were many friends.

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Drafting Service Soon

A much needed draughting service is in prospect for Joshua Tree. J. R. Whipple, a draughtsman of wide experience was in town Sunday looking over the field and making arrangements for an office.

Whipple displayed some of the nicest desert designs we have seen in a long time, and promised to send some of his work back for display in the Journal office pending his opening up here.

Accompanying Whipple was his associate, B. F. Goda. The two men have been associated since before the war.

New Flyer At "K" Field

A nine and a half pound boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Bill Putnam, in the Riverside Hospital, Friday, April 11. Mother and son are reported doing fine.

If the boy takes after his dad it won't be long until we'll have to report his solo flight in the Piper Cub.

County Unemployment Figures

SACRAMENTO, April 9 (WNS) —Here are the unemployment insurance figures for San Bernardino County covering the week ending April 3, as reported by the California Department of Employment:

Claims filed 6927.
Claims paid, 2939.
New claimants, 527.
New veteran claims filed, 244.
Veterans paid, 2723.

For the State as a whole, a total of 307,516 unemployment insurance claims were filed, and 166,851 were paid. New claimants totaled 28,828; new veteran claims, 8,686 and veterans paid, 32,848.

For the week ending March 29, the department paid out a total of $3,363,004, the weekly report said.

THAT RELATIVE RESPONSIBILITY BILL AGAIN

SACRAMENTO, April 9 (WNS) —The highly controversial bill to remove the liability of children and relatives to support a person who is eligible to receive old age assistance from the State was today withdrawn from the Assembly committee on ways and means and brought to the floor for debate.

The motion to withdraw barely squeaked through with the necessary 41 votes. There were 36 assemblymen opposed.

Adoption of the responsible relatives clause has been presented to the legislature repeatedly, but has always been defeated in one house or the other.

Opponents of the clause declare there are 100,000 persons in Califonria who will become eligible for old age assistance payments of $50 per month if the measure is approved by the Legislature and the Governor.

State Fire Season On

SACRAMENTO, April 14 (WNS) —California's fire season, fixed by State law, opens April 15, DeWitt Nelson, State Forester announced today.

Nelson said that persons desiring to burn brush, grass, or other inflammable material in San Bernardino County should obtain a permit for the operation at the nearest ranger headquarters or fire district headquarters of the State Forest Service.

Permits, he said, usually are granted immediately in connection with small burning operations, while it is the policy of the Forest Service to investigate larger operations.

Nelson called attention to the fact that the law requires a permit on any lands outside of incorporated city limits where the material to be burned endangers woodland, timber or brush covered lands.

Specifically, Nelson said, written permission is not necessary to burn small heaps or piles of material where the fire is set on a public road, in dooryard premises, corrals, gardens, or plowed fields, where the fire is to be a distance of not less than 100 feet from woodland, timber, brush or grass.

The law requires, however, he pointed out, that at least one adult person must be in attendance while the fire is burning.

Returns Home

Mrs. A. M. Ball who has been a house guest with her friends, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Kirch for the past three months returned last week to her home in Milford, Conn.

Being a native of the beautiful New England States the desert was a new experience for Mrs. Ball and at first she was not quite sure whether she liked it or not. However before she departed for home Mrs. Ball bought a five acre homesite adjoining the Townsite and promised she would be back.

We'll venture to say she will be back and sooner than she thinks. Sump'n funny about this desert, that way.

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Family Reunion At Neff Motel

The Neff Motel was the scene of a family reunion Easter Sunday. Present were Mr. and Mrs. William Gattoni and sons Billy, Jimmy, and Ted of Alhambra, and Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Jones and son Franklin, Jr., and daughter Kathleen Yvonne from Los Angeles. Mrs. Gattoni and Mrs. Jones are daughters of Mrs. C. A. Neff.

Other guests at the Neff's over the weekend were Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Channell and daughter Velda Fay from Pasadena, and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Klein.

Highlighting the days festivities was a barbecue dinner served in the patio.

WISCONSIN PARTY BUYS AT YUCCA

Dr. and Mrs. A. B. Schultz, from Wausau, Wisconsin, got their first taste of the desert this week and liked it well enough they bought a homesite in the Yucca Village and announced they are going to build a home in the near future.

They were accompanied by Mrs. J. R. Shales of Alhambra, who is a sister of Mrs. Schultz. Dr. Schultz is an optometrist.

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Bessie Clingan in Her New Home

Bessie Jeanne Slingan has moved into her new home on Mountain View Street, north of the highway. The house was designed by Mrs. Clingan together with her friend Mrs. Glen Shivel, of Los Angeles.

Mrs. Shivel, prominent clubwoman and socialite, is a friend of many years standing, having worked with Mrs. Clingan in the dramatics and lecture field.

Otto Bauer, built the house and both women are loud in their praise of his fine workmanship.

Callers who have seen the place admire the cozy little home.

Betty Has New Jeep Station Wagon

Jeepers, did you see that bright shiny new Jeep Station Wagon Betty Burrell came driving into town last weekend?

Arriving with Betty were Mrs. Kate Binney and son Ralph, Maude Schomp, and Grace DeHarak.

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CLOSED MONDAYS

Legislative Roundup

By WESLEY E. ROBBINS

Western News Service

Sacramento, April 14 (WNS)—After weeks of temporizing, argument and delay, the Assembly this week started action on the much disputed highway program, and the controversial Senate Bill No. 5 was routed towards the Senate-Assembly conference committee for revamping.

As it stood at the beginning of the week, the measure outlines a complete highway program with freeways extending from the Mexican border to the Oregon line. But it provides no money for the construction program other than the normal three cent gas tax. Gone are the increased taxes on gasoline, diesel fuel oil, and the trucking industry. Also amended out of the act are the proposed increased registration and license fees for motorists, and the so-called Mayo amendment, spsored by Senator Jesse M. Mayo, which provided that a proportion of the Highway program had to be started in each county of the state as soon as the money began rolling in.

In other words, the highway program as it left the assembly was a paper plan without money provided to put it in execution.

The job of the conference committee, composed of three members of the assembly and three from the senate, is to take the available information developed during weeks of committee hearings and legislative debate, and work it into a combination highway-tax measure which will be acceptable to the senate, the assembly and the governor.

Lobbies, in the meantime, remain active in spite of vigorous objections on the part of Governor Warren, who has picked out the oil industry, opponents of gas tax increase, for particular attention. Lined up with the oil industry in opposition to the measure are the trucking industry, Arthur Samish, who represents passenger bus transportation, and public utilities.

On the other side of the lobby picture are representatives from county governments, city governments, and most recently, moving picture industry's Mrs. Hulda McGinn who took charge of the party for legislator's wives which was given simultaneously with Senator Randolph Collier's crab dinner for senate members and guests.

Mrs. McGinn, by the way, is the only lobbyist who is regularly permitted on the senate floor while that body is in session.

The legislature is now giving signs of devoting at least a part of its attention to some of the other hot issues which are on schedule for solution at this session.

The senate passed the controversial hot cargo bill during the week, and that measure is now before the assembly committee for action.

The governor's medical program, held in abeyance for weeks, will be given a full dress committee hearing soon in the senate where Senator Salsman is hoping for quick action which will bring it to the floor for passage.

The provocative full crew bill, which protects the rights of railroad men in jobs they considered necessary for safety during the war, is now on the senate floor for action after a red-hot committee hearing which saw labor organizations opposing elimination of these jobs.

Phil Ossifer Says

Why can't we have more love in the world? If the people would follow the teachings of their religion and "love thy neighbor as thyself" there would be no wars—no strife—no animosity between people. Love for one another is the basis for Universal Peace.

There are five kinds of whisky: Rye, Bourbon, Scotch, Irish—and that stuff they call "Blended." But it doesn't make any difference which one of the five you have in you, when you drive on the highways you are dangerous.

They say 85 per cent of the human race is insane to a greater or lesser degree, and the other 15 per cent have a hobby. So what?

Walter Lentz Gets Howser Appointment

SACRAMENTO, April 15 (WNS)—Appointment of Walter H. Lentz as Chief Special Agent of the State Department of Justice to succeed J. H. McClelland on May 6 was announced today by Attorney General Fred Howser.

"I am happy to announce the appointment of Mr. Lentz because of my conviction that his service will result in better law enforcement throughout the State," Howser declared. "I have known Mr. Lentz for nineteen years and I regard him as particularly well qualified for the position of chief special agent and head of the State Division of Investigation."

For the past two and a half years, Lentz has been Chief of the Bureau of Investigation of the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office, a position to which he was appointed by Howser when the attorney general was district attorney of Los Angeles County.

Prior to accepting the county position, Lentz was a member of the Long Beach Police Department for more than twenty-one years, two of which he spent as chief of the department and five as chief of detectives.

Lentz, 46, and a native of Texas, has resided in Long Beach since he completed service in the navy at the end of World War I. He received his education in the public schools of Texas and at Oklahoma State Teachers College. He is married and the father of a daughter and son.

Lentz' resignation from the Los Angeles District Attorney's staff was accepted today with regret by District Attorney William E. Simpson, who congratulated him on his greater opportunity in the law enforcement field.

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Nellie Harlan Has Easter Guests

Mrs. Nellie Harlan at her home on Mountain View Circle had as Easter vacation guests, her sister Mrs. F. W. Castelletto, and her niece Mrs. Franklin Levings and son, Billy, all of Los Angeles.

Mrs. Castelletto is prominent in PTA work. She is chairman of the Art Committee and has been awarded the Blue Ribbon several times, and has been presented with a life membership pin.

Mrs. Levings is librarian of Music and Art at the L. A. Public Library.

Mrs. Harlan entertained her guests with several sightseeing trips through the Monument and to other points of interest on our desert.

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Two Government reports recently confirmed what practically everyone in California already knows—that the pounding hammers, the noisy riveting, the clawing steam shovels at work everywhere are singing the most prosperous refrain in the State's economic history.

Evaluating these proofs, the two reports, one from Governor Warren's State Reconstruction and Re-employment Commission, the other from the State Chamber of Commerce, put total civilian income in 1946 at an all-time high of $12,937,000,000.

And last year's pay envelopes contained $8,020,000,000, or 61.8 per cent of the State's total income. Farm income rocketed to $2,100,000,000; taxable retail sales soared to $9,250,000,000; liquid assets, including money in banks and war bonds, valuted 285 per cent to $13,250,000,000.

The driving power, of course, behind California's whirring wheels of industry, trade and commerce is the power of the invested dollar. Stagnant money contributed exactly nothing to the welfare of the State and the individual worker as reflected in the two reports.

Yet financial records show the State is maintaining a huge pool of stagnant money in its Unemployment Insurance Fund, now bursting with more than $600,000,000 and being swelled each month with additional unproductive millions drained from trade.

A pending Legislative amendment to reduce contributions to the Fund and yet insure its maintenance at a safe level—specifically not less than $250,000,000—certainly merits the most serious consideration. The amendment would in no way impair the Fund's operation, according to the State Chamber. It would make the present merit rating system, under which employers are taxed in proportion to their labor turnover and reserve in the Fund, more flexible and convert stagnant dollars into productive channels. These dormant dollars benefit no one. They should be put to work.

BEFORE THE A-BOMB DROP

In all the history of warfare — up until now — each new and startling offensive weapon has been checked in its destructive effect by the appearance of equally ingenious implements of defense. The submarine begat the sub-chaser; bombers have been countered by anti-aircraft guns and fighter planes; rockets have been ricocheted by radar.

But defense against the atom bomb, which scientists now tell us could be exploded unobtrusively at sea to send the unsuspecting inhabitants of seaports such as San Francisco and New York to meet their Maker en masse, seems, in a physical sense, impossible.

Man, then, can only turn to moral values for defense against the physical prowess that threatens to prove his own undoing. In the final extremity, the practical approach might be the abandonment of concepts the world has always though of as practical. Perhaps as some suggest, voluntary forfeiture of a portion of each nation's sovereignty to a degree of world government, may be the answer. But whatever the answer, it might be sought and found before the A-bombs drop and perpetual night falls.

One hopeful sign would be an active resurgence of faith on the part of people everywhere in the Man who 2000 years ago was called the Prince of Peace. Our only hope may be that instead of paying mere lip service to His words, man—if only because he now faces total extinction as the alternative — may finally take His Word to heart.

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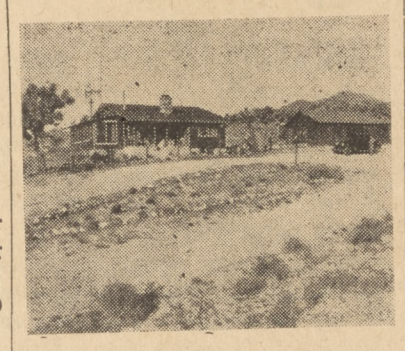

THE JOSHUAS

Today we may be low in spirit. We may be disgusted and disgruntled. We may say, "It is no use; we're quitting; we're through."

Quitting what, and through with whom? We can never be quitters; we are placed here to serve — a God-given duty and privilege. What other purpose have we for existing? To serve is to live, and the fullness of life depends upon our ability and adaptability to get along with the other person and share his burden.

We may not be able to explain the way of all things, but we can close our minds to the disturbing forces about us and cling closely to our purpose. A great Teacher once said to one of His followers, "What is that to thee? Follow thou Me!"

SAN JACINTO STATE PARK

SACRAMENTO, April 14 (WNS) The Senate today had passed final approval on the Boyd Bill to permit a bond issue by the San Jacinto Winter Park authority to finance the purchase of land to lease to concessionaires.

The measure, AB 712, now needs only the governor's signature to take effect immediately.

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Star Gazers Delight

By Tom Keene

Do you realize that above you, in the heavens, the greatest show on earth is constantly being performed? Do you know that for millions of years those stars you see at night have been shining down upon this sad and dreary old thing called the earth? Well, they have.

What do you know about all the stars? For instance, do you know that right now more principal stars are shining down upon you than at any other time of the year.

Taking them from the west to the east they are: Aldebaran, the principal star in the constellation Taurus, the Bull; Betelgeuse and Rigel, the two main stars in the constellation Orion; Sirius, the star in the constellation Canis brightest of all stars, the main Major; Procyon, the first magnitude star in Canis Minor; those two Heavenly Twins, Castor and Pollux, in the constellation Gemini; Capells, just northwest of them, in Auriga; Regulus, the lucida in the constellation Leo, just overhead around 9 o'clock; Denebola, a second magnitude star, 25 degrees east of Regulus; Spica, the main star in the constellation Virgo, 25 degrees east of Denebola; the bright golden yellow Arcturus, in Bootes, just north of Denebola; and far into the northeast the great blue white diamond in the sky, Vega, in the constellation Lyra. Overhead and slightly to the west, just east of the heavenly twins, is the planet Saturn. Low down in the east and slightly south is the giant planet Jupiter. Its plainly visible around 10 p.m.

Then there are the seven stars in the Big Dipper, all but one of them second magnitude stars.

People who live out here can well take pride in the heavens, for nowhere do the stars shine as brightly as they do here. True, they twinkle considerably, but that is to be expected in a clear, bright. atmosphere like the desert.

Learn more about the heavens. Study the stars. It will pay you in the long run.

MRS. LAFFERTY FILES FOR SCHOOL ELECTION

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Do You Want To Build?

The San Bernardino County Library has secured many good books recently on home building and since there is so much interest in this field now, we are giving this list.

ALLER, Paul—Build your own adobe. Stanford University Press, 1946, $3.00.

The authors describe the complete process of building an adobe house, from making the bricks to the wiring for electricity, to installing the plumbing and laying the roof. Well illustrated with photographs.

California plan book. 1947 edition. Home book publishers, 1947, $1.50.

Good examples of modern homes together with construction outlines, and material required; new ideas in interior decorations and furnishings, and plans for outdoor living rooms.

GRAFF, MATEM AND WILLIAMS. The prefabricated house. Doubleday, 1947. $2.75.

A primer for the prospective buyer of a packaged house, it tells what he may expect, what he should look for, the advantages and disadvantages of the custom-built house. Gives a list of manufactures of prefabricated houses.

MERRILL, A. F. Rammed-earth house. Harper, 1947. $2.50.

An easy-to-follow discussion of rammed-earth construction and its modern use. Examples of rammed-earth houses by leading architects are described and illustrated. There are chapters on design; on methods of soil selection; soil cement; and on the new cement-water paints for surfacing. Contains photographs and floor plans.

STODDARD, R. P., ed. Brick structures, how to build them. 11th edition. McGraw, 1946. $2.00.

For use by builders of houses or small apartments. Contains chapters on structural properties of brick, uses of brick masonry, and construction other than exterior walls.

SUNSET MAGAZINE. Sunset western ranch houses. Lane, 1946. $3.00.

A new, complete treatment of the ranch house subject. Here the ranch house is pictured as a type of architecture especially suited to indoor-outdoor living, adaptable to many places and conditions.

SUNSET MAGAZINE. Sunset homes for western living. Lane, 1946. $1.00.

A real western home-planner's book containing a variety of house plans for many locales, landscaping ideas and interior decoration.

WILLS, R. B. Planning your home wisely. Watts, 1946. $2.50.

A variety of attractive plans for many types of houses. Well illustrated. Rich in ideas for kitchens, dual purpose living rooms, porches and all sorts of handy built-in arrangements.—Library Newsletter.

COMMITTEE NAMED TO INVESTIGATE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT

SACRAMENTO, April 14 (WNS) — Assemblyman George Miller, Jr., of Richmond was today named by Speaker Sam L. Collins as chairman of a committee to investigate the State Department of Employment after the Assembly, by unanimous vote, ordered an inquiry to determine the truth of reports about "weaknesses in the administration which have resulted in the loss of thousands of dollars of unemployment insurance money"

Miller had requested the committee after he had received reports which indicated that "a system of patronage and favoritism existed within the department" and that "the administration has been inefficient" in carrying out its responsibilities.

He said that he had heard the department was six months behind in its bank reconciliations "and that certainly is not consistent with good business principles."

The Richmond Assemblyman received instant support for such an investigation from a member of the employment stabilization commission, Hiram W. Johnson 3rd, who said "a legislative investigation is the healthiest thing that can happen to a bureaucracy."

Named to serve on the committee with Miller were: Robert C. Kirkwood of Saratoga; Clayton Dills of Gardena; Montivel A. Burke of Alhambra; and Ernest R. Geddes of Pomona.

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The Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce meets Tuesday evening preceding Chamber of Commerce meeting.

The Woman's Auxiliary of the American Legion meets second Thursday in each month. Place to be announced by publicity representative.

American Legion meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month at the New American Legion Hall.

Woman's Club meets 3rd Friday of each month at 2 o'clock at the Community Hall.

Community Youth Fellowship meets at 6:30 p.m. every Sunday evening at the Community Building.

Joshua PTA meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month at Community Hall.

The Tri-Valley Lions Club meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday evenings of each month. Watch the Joshua Journal for announcement of the place.

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Yucca Valley News

Mrs. Mary Hoehle of San Diego has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. W. Saunders of Yucca Valley for the past week.

Mrs. Dora Bryant, Real Estate Broker, of Long Beach was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. Saunders of Yucca Valley for a few days this past week. Mrs. Bryant is a sister of Mr. Saunders. She was out looking over the desert area for a location and is thinking of locating in Joshua Tree.

Mrs. Nettie Littlefield of Portland, Oregon, visited her brother, Mr. E. C. Hardesty, of Yucca Valley, the past week. It was her first trip to the desert and she was very much impressed with it. Says, "she'll be back."

STUARTS HIDDEN RANCHO

Weekend guests at the Stuart's Hidden Rancho in Yucca Valley last week were Mr. and Mrs. Ray Ledwon and son John of Los Angeles, and Mrs. Ledwon's mother, Mrs. Jennie Gustafson, who lives in Desert Hot Springs. Also Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hemphill from Lucerne Valley.

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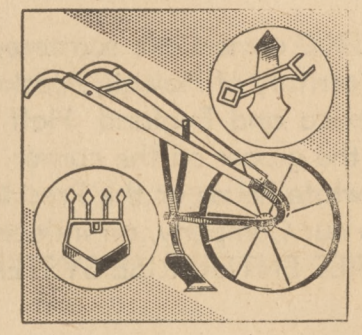

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Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Weaver of Fullerton, property owners in Morongo Valley, accompanied by their son and wife, Dr. and Mrs. Weaver of Ontario, were visitors in Morongo this week. They took the trip through the Monument to Key's View.

This was Dr. and Mrs. Weaver's first trip to the desert and they said they liked it very much, and expect to locate here someday.

C. N. Weaver purchased three lots in the new Morongo Manor, from H. M. Hess, and are making arrangements to build.

Others who purchased property in Morongo Manor are Mrs. Lowalta Calvert of Los Angeles, who plans to build a modernistic home. Dr. and Mrs. A. W. Swenson of Van Nuys purchased a large residential lot. Dr. and Mrs. Morris F. Mulville of Beverly Hills and Mrs. Hazel Stewart and sisters, Mrs. Myrtle Cook and Mrs. Eva Boyer of Palm Springs have all purchased business lots.

OLD TIMER RETURNS

Calling at the Journal office this week was M. Martinson, brother of Mrs. Janet Olwell.

Martinson is one of the old-timers of this desert, who has been away for some time. He first came to the valley 18 years ago.

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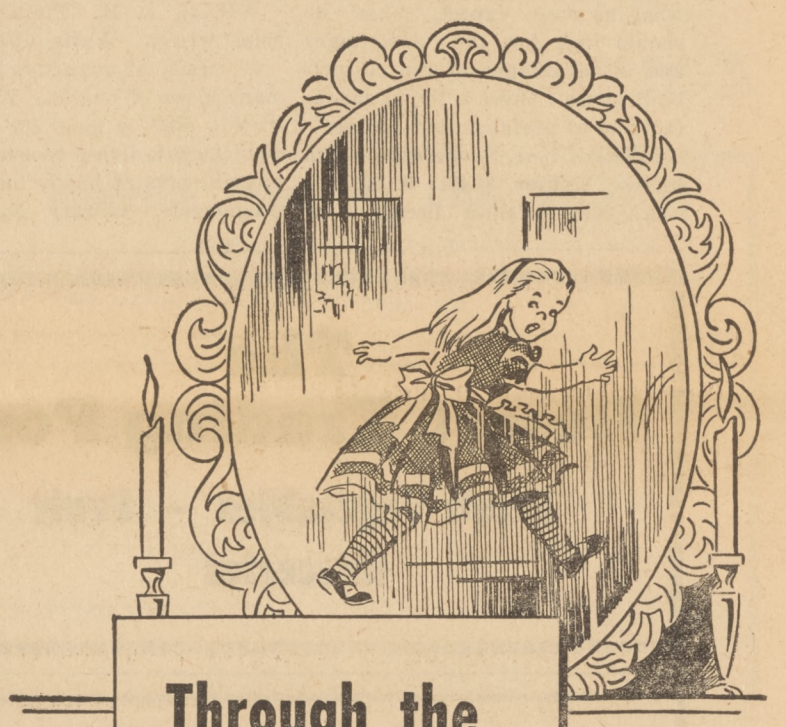

Through the Looking Glass

THE telephone industry finds itself today in the plight of Alice after she stepped through the looking glass . . . it has to run as fast as it can to stay where it is.

In spite of the fact that the industry as a whole installed nearly four million new telephones in 1946 it still has more applications than that to take care of. It is amazing how telephone usage has grown in the past few years. Faster than applications can be filled new ones rain in. It is really amazing.

And on top of that, existing service must be brought back to normal, which of course is still a primary job. However, we are happy to report that new equipment is arriving little by little and in due time we will be able to install new telephones at a normal rate.

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Political Parade

By Clem Whitaker

To the citizenry, the term bureaucracy has become shop-worn from constant repetition, but to a politician, a bureau is still a thing of beauty, and a joy forever. . . a convenient depository for unsolved problems, a tax-supported haven for joy seekers and a patent medicine for all that ails you!

The proof of the pudding is in the eating—and if all the bills to create new bureaus, boards and commissions, now pending in the State Legislature, should be enacted, there would be more office-holders eating at public expense than there are farmers in the fields, or cooks in the kitchen.

As a matter ofterminology, bureaucracy may be passe, but as a matter of practical politics it is thriving as never before in history, with the legislative hoppers as Sacramento jammed with proposals to create more than 300 new State agencies.

Here are a few of the new bureaus, boards and commissions, good, bad and indifferent, which have been proposed at this session of the Legislature.

A bureau of licensed locksmiths, a State football commission, a board to supervise dance instructors, an agency to regulate vending machines, a commission on indoor recreation, a State advertising and publicity commission, a department of State records, a commission on public buildings, a board of naturopathic examiners, an examination agency for justices and constables and a department of commerce.

Take a deep breath, and here's another list:

A communications division and coordinating commission, a State centennial celebrations commission, a commission on political and economic equality, a State recreation commission (this is for outdoor sports, not indoor), an aviation commission, a new office of auditor general, an office of county controller in each of the 58 counties, a new highway patrol agency (separate from the State Motor Vehicle Department), a board to supervise guide dogs for the blind and an educational radio facilities commission.

If you can still take it, here's another batch:

A commission on alcoholism and a division of alcoholic rehabilitation, an alcoholic beverages commission, a board to regulate architects, a board to regulate civil and structural engineers, a board to regulate contractors, a board to license hospital attendants, a health service authority to supervise a system of socialized medicine, a fair employment practices commission, a housing authority, a harness racing commission, a bureau of agricultural trade, a rent commission, a fair and exposition commission and a constitutional education commission.

And as a fitting climax, there's a bill to create a bureau of audit —to determine what all the other bureaus are spending!

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SCHOOL SYSTEM TO BE STUDIED

SACRAMENTO, April 14 (WNS) —The Senate rules committee today recommended the creation of a Senate interim committee to study all facts relating to the public school system, Department of Education, State Board of Education and the Superintendent of Public Instruction and to report to the Senate with recommendations for appropriate Legislation for any needed revisions.

Senator Nelson S. Dilworth of Riverside County was recommended for chairman of the committee, which will receive a $5000 appropriation if the Senate approves.

Necessity for the committee was said to arise from certain facts developed during the hearings now being conducted by the Senate Education Committee on charges made by Aaron Sargent of Palo Alto, counsel for the Sons of the American Revolution, that the State Board of Education had entered into "a conspiracy to introduce subversive textbooks into the public schools."

JOSHUA TREE LOSES SOFTBALL OPENER

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Town Gossip

Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Dole, Los Angeles folks, and their friend Mrs. Martha Grozinger, spent the weekend here, stopping at the Desertaire Lodge. The Doles and Mrs. Grozinger are very enthusiastic about the desert and intend to spend their vacation here this summer.

They also have one of the little five acre lease homesteads North of town on which they plan someday to build a little hide - away cabin.

Mr. and Mrs. V. H. Crowell and daughter, Marilyn of Los Angeles spent a two weeks vacation here. They were guests at the Gladys Teeter home.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Gfeller and son, William, from Hollywood spent Easter Sunday with Gladys Teeter.

THAT HAL ROACH COP HERE AGAIN

W. H. Claussen, studio policeman at the Hal Roach Studios in Culver City, is spending a week here on the desert.

Mrs. Claussen and Mrs. Clara Dick accompanied him, and they are staying at Miramonte Courts.

Mrs. Dick owns five acres adjoining the five acres owned by the Claussens, just north of town.

MRS. WALLACE GOES TO TEXAS

Mrs. A. W. Wallace left Monday for an extended visit in Texas. She will visit a son in Dallas, Barney E. Wallace, and a daughter in Medina, Mrs. Willie Teizel, and other relatives in San Antonio.

Mrs. Wallace has been in ill health for some weeks and it is hoped the change will benefit her.

California Last Week

THE GOVERNOR: Signed into law a measure which authorizes County and District fair grounds to be maintained as recreational parks.

Asked for an investigation into the death of a veteran at State Veterans Home at Yountville, alleged to have been beaten to death by attendants.

THE LEGISLATURE: The boiling and churning of tempers in the Assembly over highway legislation climaxed in a flare-up over a minor matter in the public morals committee when Assemblyman Phil Davis of Los Angeles charged it was controlled by Artie Samish, widely heralded liquor lobbyist. This was the second time within a week that lobbyist control of the lower house had been charged, the first being hurled by Governor Warren, who said oil lobbyists were running over the legislative corridors.

While the Senate passed a bill outlawing "hot cargo" and the secondary boycott and prepared to repeal the full crew law already approved by the Labor Committee, most legislative action was confined to increasing the number of judges in the various counties and voting salary raises for the Superior Court Judges, District Attorneys and County Clerks and Auditors.

THE DEPARTMENTS: Director of Finance James S. Dean made an announcement that might well be front paged throughout the State. Said he, "in addition to the proposed budget expenditure of 641 million dollars for the next fiscal year, appropriation bills now before the Legislature total between 550 and 560 million dollars without counting proposals to increase State payments to needy aged, needy blind, and needy children." The best estimate on revenue for the same fiscal year is slightly under 600 million dollars.

THIS IS TOO BAD

SACRAMENTO, April 14 (WNS) —Boys between 14 and 18 years of age will no longer have free fishing privileges under a bill now before the Assembly for passage. It would require them to purchase a $3 fishing license, the same as grown-ups.

Assemblyman Thomas M. Erwin, who sponsored the bills, says the Fis hand Game Commission needs the money.

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Liquor License For Clubs

SACRAMENTO, April 14 (WNS) On-Sale liquor licenses for patriotic, fraternal or benevolent clubs, and golf clubs having membership of more than 100, are provided in a Senate Bill already adopted by that house and now on the floor of the assembly for final passage.

The measure came out of the assembly committee on public public morals with a do pass recommendation.

Exercise of the license is limited to sale and serving of beverages within the establishment to bona fide club members and guests.

The bill further provides that the license is not transferable, and may be suspended or revoked if the licensee ceases to operate as a club.

Important provision of the bill is that provisions limiting the number of licenses on a populaton basis do not apply to club licenses.

UNEMPLOYMENT DISABILITY BENEFITS

SACRAMENTO, April 10 (WNS) — Unemployment disability insurance claimants drew $11,279 from the San Bernardino office of the California Department of Employment for the week ending March 28, Herbert Wilson, disability insurance chief announced today.

The money was paid to 304 claimants who certified to 576 weeks of disability. New claims totaled 51. The San Bernardino office serves San Bernardino and Riverside counties.

For the State, $385,728 was paid to 9,577 claimants who certified to 20,417 weeks of disability. New claims totaled 2,011.

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A few weeks ago we had the pleasure of entertaining Mr. and Mrs. Donovan, publishers of the Norwalk Call, who went home and shouted the praises of our desert all over the front page of their paper, and now comes friends of the Donovans, to check up on their story.

They are Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Childs and their friends, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Davis of L. A

Both parties have 'jack-rabbit homesteads" near here which they had never seen.

If Norwalk has any more people like those we have met so far, the welcome sign is out, here.

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$6,000—New attractive duplex, ½ block from main hiway. New hot water heater and gas ranges. Cement block construction. Room for additional unit.

BUSINESS BUILDINGS FOR SALE

$3450—Cement block construction, near business center. Ideal for radio repair shop. Lot 43x90.

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of the property owners, and would require their complete cooperation.

Treasurer Kenneth Williams reported the school fund was still $80 short the required amount to purchase the school site. The membership was urged to get squarely behind the candidacy of Vesta Lafferty at the coming school election May 16. It was pointed out that a vacancy exists on the Morongo Elementary school board and that with the growth of Joshua Tree and the dire need for proper school facilities here it was urgent that we elect a member to the board that would have our needs in mind as well as the needs of the whole district.

Winners of the American Legion Auxiliary, Poppy Day, poster contest were presented with their awards. The winners were, 1st Claudia Rundall, 2nd Billy Brown Rice, and 3rd Pansy DeLand.

THE WARM UP

The big ones like that fellow in the foreground really can step out

President McMillen said the chamber was going to try to compile a directory of the residents of Joshua Tree so that it would be easier to direct strangers to the homes of our people.

Cancer Control Month

President Truman has proclaimer April as "Cancer Control Month" to marshall public support against a disease he describes as "one of mankind's most insidious enemies."

The President's proclamation, and the continuing efforts of the medical profession to spread the truth about cancer, are in themselves vastly reassuring actions.

At one time mention of the word "cancer" was not considered good taste. Now it is realized that public awareness of the major steps in cancer control—knowing the danger signals; reporting them to the family doctor; having periodic health examinations, and preventing or removing chronic irritation to any part of the body—will substantially reduce fatal infection.

According to Dr. David A. Wood of Stanford University, statistics indicate 184,000 Americans will die of cancer in 1947 . . . and one-third of the victims could be saved through early diagnosis and treatment.

To the health and well-being of the nation nothing could be more beneficial than Cancer Control Month.

PRISON WORK TO CONTINUE

SACRAMENTO, April 14 (WNS) — Governor Earl Warren today signed legislation which extends permission to the State Department of Corrections to employ San Quentin prisoners in production of goods and services for the Federal Government.

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